

Dear Friends of St. Patrick's.

As we give this report we are now four months into fiscal 2013/2014 and our first quarter has seen a drop of \$6,414 in our weekly Sunday collections compared to last year. Last year our Sunday collection had seen a decrease of \$12,074. The decreased Sunday collection is one of our concerns and we invite all members of our parish to think of ways we can increase donations. In the near future we will conduct a "Sharing Our Blessings" stewardship renewal which has been very successful in the past years. Due to the deficit of \$21,487 last year we had to absorb unpaid bills in this year's budget. Because of that our savings in salaries (having one priest) will be minimal if any this year.

As we look forward to the future and engage in the pastoral planning, we need to find creative ways to balance our budget while at the same time ensure that pastoral and financial needs of our community are met. You know better than I what it costs to run a household. We need to be prudent, as we challenge one another to share our limited resources for the good of our community.

What you contribute financially makes a difference – A BIG DIFFERENCE – and we are grateful beyond words for your generosity. We ask you, with humility that is rooted in our best concern for you, to continue to support our parish and increase your weekly contributions at least by 1% or \$2.00 or \$3.00. I am confident that if every parishioner increased their contribution by at least 1% based on their annual income and faithfully contributed every week, we would have a surplus and could start building our savings for capital and other projects. At this point our parish has no savings. I would like, together with the members of our Finance Committee, to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued financial support of the work of our parish and invite you to review our financial report to keep abreast of the many and varied programs and ministries made possible with your contributions. If you wish to have a full report available to you, please contact Jackie at the rectory.

Fr. Tomasz Borkowski and The Finance Committee Members

St. Patrick Parish Budget				
Expenses	Budget 2012/2013	Actual 2012/2013	Budget 2013/2014	
Church	234,467.40	205,430.32	184,437.76	
Rectory	32,100.00	34,054.83	30,400.00	
Parish Center	1,000.00	1,428.70	1,500.00	
Parish Committee	14,600.00	9,858.57	12,350.00	
Religious Education	67,185.40	64,096.60	67,488.55	
Scout House	1,500.00	300.00	750.00	
Diocesan Schools	9,765.00	10,232.50	9,400.00	
Music Ministry	47,015.40	45,339.81	47,161.80	
Administration	149,269.72	149,939.38	188,426.85	
Total	\$556,902.92	\$520,680.71	\$541,914.96	
Income				
Sunday Collections	446,697.27	434,623.37	434,623.37	
Special Collections	15,988.80	16,613.75	16,613.75	
Gifts/Memorials	977.58	3,340.50	3,340.50	
Religious Education Reg.	13,005.00	13,620.00	13,620.00	
Other	82,357.50	74,465.64	74,465.64	
Total	\$559,026.15	\$542,663.26	\$542,663.26	

**How Much of My Time, Talents and Treasure
Should I Share with my Parish Family?**



It is a very personal decision to make. It is truly a decision made in prayer between you and God. Stewardship is a dialogue that takes place first in your heart and then with your family.

God does not judge us by how much we give, but by **how** and **why** we give and by **whether** we are faithful to that gift at all times - be it our time, our talents or our treasure. Please, know that we are grateful for any gift that you choose to share with us. **We love you and we care about you.**

As you make your decision about embracing the way of stewardship in our parish, please keep in mind that your gift of treasure, time and talent are meant to be:



INTENTIONAL: We invite you to truly pray about it, discuss it with your family, and make a deliberate decision that is rooted in love and trust that God will indeed multiply your gift beyond your imagination.



SACRIFICIAL: What we give should require us to sacrifice something we desire so that we deliberately place Christ's vision above our own.



PROPORTIONATE: Often times we give out of what is left to our parish community in the midst of our busy and demanding lives. We encourage you to think in terms of a percentage as you consider your gifts of time, talent and treasure.



FAITHFUL: (Meaning Every Sunday). Be consistent and committed to your gift at all times, not only on occasion.



GRATEFUL: (It has to be not a guilt-giving but a thanks-giving). The measure of our spiritual growth is when we give out of joy and gratitude and not out of regret and guilt.

MY GIFT OF TREASURE

Stewardship does not ask us to give what we can't. It asks us to give what we can and to do so simply out of love. The Bible gives us a guide for our sacrificial giving. Consider giving 5% to your parish, 4% to other charities and 1% to the Diocesan Appeal. Every one of us can be a sacrificial giver.

- First look at **what you are giving now**, take a step in faith, and **increase** your gift from **1% to 2%**, and gradually increase your percentage over time.
- Above all **put your trust in the Lord**. Generosity is a wonderful way of life.
- The following scale hopefully will help you in your **decision-making** as you consider your gift of treasure:

Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%
\$ 10,000	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00
\$ 20,000	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$19.00
\$ 30,000	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$17.00	\$23.00	\$29.00
\$ 40,000	\$8.00	\$15.00	\$23.00	\$31.00	\$38.00
\$ 50,000	\$10.00	\$19.00	\$29.00	\$38.00	\$48.00
\$ 60,000	\$12.00	\$23.00	\$35.00	\$48.00	\$58.00
\$ 70,000	\$13.00	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$54.00	\$67.00
\$ 80,000	\$15.00	\$33.00	\$46.00	\$62.00	\$77.00



ONE BODY IN CHRIST

Think and pray about this simple fact as you make your decision with respect to your gift of treasure to our parish community: 2.5% usually amounts to **ONE** hour pay — that might be a good starting point. **ONE** hour pay, **ONE** talent, **ONE** hour of your time in addition to attending mass as we build **ONE** community in Christ.